

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A ground cover removal attachment for a vehicle for moving a sheet ground cover while on the ground, comprising an arm with a connection at one end of the arm for mounting the arm to a vehicle so that the arm extends outwardly of one side of the vehicle, and an outer end of the arm shaped to engage the ground cover on one side of the ground cover to move the ground cover to the side of the vehicle as the vehicle moves alongside the ground cover, and a brace member adapted to be connected to the arm intermediate of the length thereof at one end of the brace member, and to the vehicle at another end of the brace member.

2. (Original) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim 1 wherein the shaped outer end of the comprises one part adapted to move beneath a side margin of the ground cover and another part adapted to contact a side edge of the ground cover, as the vehicle moves alongside the ground cover.

3. (Original) A ground cover removal attachment for a vehicle according to claim 2 wherein the part adapted to move beneath the side margin of the ground cover has a lateral dimension in a direction generally away from the arm which is greater than a height dimension of the part adapted to contact a side edge of the ground cover.

4. (Previously presented) A ground cover attachment for a vehicle according to claim 2 wherein a further part of the shaped end of the arm extends from the side edge contacting part in a direction generally away from the arm.

5. (Previously presented) A ground cover attachment for a vehicle according to claim 2 wherein the part of the shaped end of the arm adapted to move beneath a side margin of the ground cover includes a cranked outer end.

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6. (Previously presented) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim 1 wherein the connection for mounting the arm to a vehicle comprises a pivot connection which enables the arm to be pivoted to a non-operating position relative to the vehicle, in which the arm does not extend outwardly of the vehicle.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim ~~[[7]]~~ 6 including a pivot connection at said another end of the brace member for pivotally connecting the brace member to a vehicle.

9. (Currently amended) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim ~~[[7]]~~ 6 wherein the connection point of the brace member to the arm is adjustable over a part of the length of the arm.

10. (Currently amended) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim ~~[[7]]~~ 6 of dimensions enabling the arm to be connected to a quad bike, at a forward part between the front wheels thereof with said another end of the brace arm connected to a side part of the quad bike between the wheels on one side of the quad bike.

11. (Previously presented) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim 1 wherein the arm is telescopically adjustable in length.

12. (Previously presented) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim 1 including a friction reducing cover or coating on the outer end of the arm.

13. (Original) A ground cover removal arm for moving a ground cover with a vehicle to which the arm is attached with the arm extending outwardly of one side of the vehicle, the arm

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including at one end a coupling for mounting the arm to a vehicle, an outer end formed as a fork for lifting and folding a side of the ground cover as the vehicle moves alongside the ground cover to one side of the ground cover, and a brace member adapted to extend between the arm and the vehicle at a spaced mounting point on the vehicle.

14. (Previously presented) A vehicle with a ground cover removal arm according to claim 1 mounted thereto.

15. (Original) A vehicle and ground cover removal arm in combination according to claim 14 wherein the arm is mounted to project forwardly relative to the direction of motion of the vehicle in use, at an acute angle relative to a line transverse to the direction of motion of the vehicle in use.

16. (Previously presented) A vehicle and ground cover removal arm in combination according to claim 14 wherein the vehicle is a quad bike.

17. (Currently amended) A vehicle with an arm extending outwardly of the vehicle to one side thereof beyond that side of the vehicle, and capable of lifting and folding a side of a sheet ground cover to one side as the vehicle moves alongside the ground cover, the arm having spaced outwardly of the side of the vehicle an operative part for lifting and moving the ground cover, and a brace member connected to the arm intermediate the length thereof at one end of the brace member, and to the vehicle at another end of the brace member .

18. (Original) A vehicle with an arm extending outwardly of the vehicle to one side thereof according to claim 17 wherein the arm is mounted to project forwardly relative to the direction of motion of the vehicle in use, at an acute angle relative to a line transverse to the direction of motion of the vehicle in use.

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19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously presented) A vehicle and ground cover removal arm in combination according to claim 15 wherein the vehicle is a quad bike